

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION**

**Call to Order:** CHAIRMAN DONALD J. STEINBEISSER, on January 27, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Gary Branae (D)  
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)  
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)  
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)  
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)

##### **Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Joan Linkenbach, Committee Secretary  
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: No hearing, informal informational meeting followed by Executive Action

Executive Action: SB 38, SB 167, SB 204

00:01:05 Sen. Steinbeisser  
00:01:19 Dr. Jeff Jacobson, Dean, College of Agriculture and  
Director, Montana Agricultural Experiment Station  
Montana State University (MSU)

**EXHIBIT (ags19a01)**

00:24:33 Sen. Brown  
00:25:11 Dr. Jacobson, MSU  
00:26:54 Chairman Steinbeisser  
00:27:07 Dr. Jacobson  
00:28:19 Sen. Hansen  
00:29:35 Dr. Jacobson  
00:32:11 Sen. Hansen  
00:32:42 Dr. Jacobson  
00:34:37 Sen. Hansen  
00:34:50 Dr. Jacobson  
00:35:10 Sen. Ripley  
00:35:36 Dr. Jacobson  
00:37:09 Sen. Ripley  
00:37:39 Dr. Jacobson  
00:38:58 Sen. Ripley  
00:39:45 Sen. Jackson  
00:40:30 Dr. Jacobson  
00:40:57 Sen. Jackson  
00:41:16 Dr. Jacobson  
00:42:06 Sen. Jackson  
00:42:17 Dr. Jacobson  
00:44:04 Chairman Steinbeisser  
00:44:17 Ron de Yong, Director, Montana Department of  
Agriculture (AGR)

**EXHIBIT (ags19a02)**

01:02:59 Sen. Brown  
01:03:23 Director de Yong, AGR  
01:08:54 Sen. Murphy  
01:09:15 Director de Yong  
01:09:50 Sen Ripley  
01:10:12 Director de Yong  
01:16:40 Sen. Hansen  
01:17:27 Director de Yong  
01:20:49 Chairman Steinbeisser

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 38**

01:22:14 **Motion:** Sen. Jackson moved that **SB 38 DO PASS.**

**EXHIBIT (ags19a03)**

01:23:16 **Motion:** Sen. Jackson moved that **SB 38 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT** (ags19a04)

01:25:44 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:25:59 Sen. Jackson

**Discussion:**

01:28:30 Sen. Hansen

01:28:58 Director de Yong, AGR

01:31:20 Greg Ames, Administrator, AGR

01:37:11 Sen. Larsen

01:38:22 Sen. Ripley

01:38:47 Sen. Jackson

01:39:39 Sen. Ripley

01:40:08 Sen. Jackson

01:40:25 Sen. Brown

01:40:44 Sen. Jackson

01:41:34 Sen. Brown

01:41:43 Sen. Jackson

01:41:48 Sue O'Connell, LSD

01:42:13 Sen. Brown

01:42:34 Sen. Jackson

01:43:27 Mr. Ames

01:44:31 Sen. Jackson

01:44:52 Sen. Murphy

01:45:27 Sen. Ripley

01:45:40 Sen. Jackson

01:46:32 Sen. Brown

01:46:56 Sen. Jackson

01:47:44 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Brown, Sen. Jackson, Sen. Ripley, and Sen. Steinbeisser voting aye.

**Discussion:**

01:49:19 Sen. Hamlett

01:50:12 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hansen moved that **SB 38 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 6-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Jackson, Sen. Ripley, and Sen. Steinbeisser voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 167**

Executive Action previously held on January 20, 2009, amended the bill.

01:52:34 Chairman Steinbeisser

01:52:55 Sue O'Connell, LSD

01:53:23 **Motion:** Sen. Steinbeisser moved that **SB 117 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:53:40 Sen. Brown

01:54:50 Sue O'Connell, LSD

01:56:26 Sen. Brown

01:56:32 Sue O'Connell

01:56:44 Sen. Brown

01:56:51 Sue O'Connell

01:57:09 Sen. Hansen

01:57:46 Sen. Larsen

01:58:58 Sue O'Connell

01:59:19 Sen. Larsen

01:59:24 Sue O'Connell

01:59:34 Sen. Hamlett

02:00:05 Chairman Steinbeisser

02:00:16 Sen. Jackson

02:01:28 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Branae moved that **SB 167 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 7-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Jackson and Sen. Larsen voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 204**

02:02:50 Chairman Steinbeisser

02:03:36 **Motion:** Sen. Hansen moved that **SB 204 DO PASS.**

02:03:50 **Motion:** Sen. Steinbeisser moved that **SB 204 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT (ags19a05)**

**Discussion:**

02:04:00 Sue O'Connell, LSD

02:05:32 Sen. Hansen

02:05:36 Sue O'Connell

02:06:20 Sen. Brown

02:06:31 Sue O'Connell

02:06:57 Sen. Brown

02:07:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Further executive action on SB 204 was suspended pending completion of a revised fiscal note.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:15 P.M.

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JOAN LINKENBACH, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([ags19aad.pdf](#))**